

SAND LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. SPRING MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 25, 2024 AT BIG BEND TOWN HALL

**Present at the Meeting:**

Dave Quady, President  
Danielle Wilde, Vice President  
Al Lechleitner, Treasurer  
Maria Garlie, Secretary

Laurie Ham, Teri Perry, Bart McCarthy, Steve McCarthy, Kate McCarthy, Judy Holmquist, Mike Motley, Dennis Sweno, Marcia Lechleitner, David Stanton, Margarete Cook, Mike Spencer, David Cook, Mike Spencer, Allen Strey, Jim Rassbach & Steve Johnson

**Call to Order/Minutes Approval**

The meeting was called to order by the Lake Association President at 9:01.

Dave Quady then called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. David Cook made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Danielle Wilde. Motion was approved.

**Member Update**

Al Lechleitner reported that our current membership stands at 22. Dues are still \$20.

**Financial Update**

The Treasurer gave a financial report showing a balance of \$4268.64 as of May 23. There has been a total of \$11,179.01 deposited mostly from refunds and advances from the DNR. \$17,710.26 was debited from the account. The majority of these payments went to Healthy Lakes and Rivers reimbursements and the I-Lids hardware contract. Motion was called to approve the financial report. David Cook made a motion to approve it and it was seconded by Kate McCarthy.

**Grants Update**

Clean Boats Clean Water grant has been approved and is active. There is more information to come on this.

I-Lids grant was approved and is active. Assistance is needed to help install it with the use of an auger and placing a bollard/post to protect the device. Ben Brandstad may have an auger that can be used. Steve Johnson will ask Stan Lebacken if he has an auger. The President asked for a volunteer to help design a logo for an association sign to be placed with the I-Lids. Margarete Cook is going to ask her grandson to work on a design.

There is a cell service required during the open water months for the I-Lids device. It was suggested to talk with Verizon about discounting or covering this cost. Steve Johnson will check into this.

The Lakes and Rivers grant was not submitted last year. The Board would like to encourage lake property owners to consider applying for a Lakes and Rivers Grant for 2025. If you are interested please contact Dave.

**Beaver Creek Update**

Terri Perry is our new volunteer to help in overseeing CBCW. Currently Beaver Creek has not found anyone to monitor the boat landing this summer. It pays \$15/hour plus a bonus when the 200 hours are completed. A brochure about this project will be put on the website.

**Fish Habitat Update 2024/2025 Plans**

The winter project was not completed due to the mild winter. Dave attended the WRA Spring Planning meeting. We are signed up to drop brush in the lake this summer, the brush will be collected along Old D with the support of the

WRA. We are scheduled for a winter rock drop project. There will be updates regarding this project this summer through email and Facebook notifications.

### **Coffee-on-the-Dock Update**

Joann Walker will be hosting at her place on June 1st at 9:00. Julie Rogers will be hosting also with the date TBD. See our website/FaceBook/email for details.

### **Beaver Control Update**

This did not go well this winter. Traps were not able to be safely set. Both Dave Miller and Mike Motley worked on taking down parts of the dams. Hans Elsner will attempt again to set traps next winter. Mike Motley has volunteered to inspect the progress on the beaver dams each week. There was one resident on the south side of the lake that did not give permission to set traps on their property this past winter.

### **Rental Property Update**

Permission is needed from the county before renting your property out. If anyone is experiencing any issues, please report them to the county or township. We are hoping to work with rental management companies and owners to help them educate renters about our lake. A CBCW and safe aquatic sign should be posted at all rental properties in compliance with the Rusk County Board. It was also proposed to have a copy of the Fish Responsibly/Wake Responsibly information sheets from the Healthy Lakes and Rivers convention be put in the rental units as well. Danielle Wilde will be working on customizing these brochures for our lake.

### **Email Issues**

Recently Gmail and Yahoo's bulk email rules have changed, resulting in members with these email extensions not receiving communications from the board. The President has now resolved this issue. If you believe you are not receiving emails please reach out to the Board or [info@sandlakewi.com](mailto:info@sandlakewi.com).

### **AED on the Lake**

There are 4 AED units located on the lake at the Stantons on the north side, the Spencers on the south side and two at the Rassbachs on Eau

Claire Rd. Some of these need to be updated with new batteries and pads. This can cost between \$400-\$500 and is required every 3-4 years. We are looking for donations to help offset the cost of maintaining these crucial life saving devices available to everyone. A motion was made to add to the agenda to ask for funding/donations at the Annual Meeting and Potluck to update the AED's on the lake. Mike Motley made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Margarete Cook. In addition, it was proposed to have a guest speaker come talk about the AED's and how to use it. Jim Rassbach said the county has a trainer and Dave Quady will follow up on this.

Currently we have a brochure that includes information on our lake including: loons, association meetings, wake zone, boating safety regulations, PDF. It was proposed that we include locations of the AED's on the lake too. Margarete Cook will update the PDF to include this information.

### **Upcoming meetings and events**

4th of July Boat Parade- on 4th at noon. Registration will be sent out  
Annual Meeting and Brunch (8/10/24) - Hosts are Barb and Al Strey  
Fall Meeting (8/31/24)

### **Board Member Updates**

Dave attended the Healthy Lakes and Rivers convention. Dave was elected to the WI Extension Lake Leaders Institute. The Wisconsin Lake Leaders Institute is a leadership program that enhances the skills and broadens the capabilities of

people in our lake communities to champion effective and communicative collaboration with the goal of protecting and managing our lakes.

### **Other topics**

Brush can be taken to the compost brush site located on Wilson Road just off of HWY 40. It is open on the 1st Saturday of this month and you need a sticker. You must be a resident of Big Bend Township.

Before you burn: Please call the sheriff for approval if you plan to do any burning. This includes even already having a burning permit. Note: even if it is in your fire ring (excluding cooking).

Rules and regulations regarding Wake Capable Boats went before legislation, but did not pass because the criteria was not specific enough.

Dave attended the Healthy Lakes and Rivers convention. There was good update and education on how to keep our water clean and safe. He shared a pamphlet for ideas on what to plant.

Jim Rassbach attended a convention at the Chain of Lakes that was like a mini Lakes and Rivers convention. He reported it was well organized, there were 15 vendors including Rusk County. He encouraged people to attend if they get a chance.

The Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference will be held on June 21 at the Spooner high school. They will be highlighting how to protect water resources.

It was proposed that the association should consider becoming members of Wisconsinlakes.org. You can take concerns to the State of Wisconsin. The cost is \$2.50/member/year.

A motion was made by Marcia Lechleitner, seconded by Mike Spencer to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved and the meeting ended at 10:09.

Submitted by,

Maria Garlie  
Secretary